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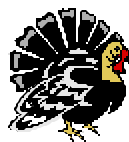
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. Offers were light and limited to select sizes. Demand was fair to slow. Trading was light and centered on distributors reselling hens and toms to end receivers. Buyers were closely watching bird sizes on previously ordered hens and toms that were now being delivered. Some noted shipments were long on 14 to 18 lb. sizes and short on 10 to 12 lb. and 22 to 24 lb sizes. Truck schedules and availability continued to be a problem. Widespread retail ads for Thanksgiving broke this week. Prices on frozen whole turkeys ranged from \$0.29 to \$1.29 with no restrictions, and the national weighted average was \$0.72 for hens, \$0.66 for toms. Fresh hens were featured at \$0.79 to \$1.49 and fresh toms at \$0.99. Market activity was light to fair on bulk meats, slow on bulk parts. Demand was spotty. Offerings of additional product were generally adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand was limited into export markets. Fresh thigh meat sold at 96 cents for current delivery, open prices for deferred shipments. Price resistance noted on thigh meat and gizzards.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 10, 2005**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	82-88	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-88	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-88	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	82-84	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	82-85	84-85	84.49	78
WESTERN REGION	82-84	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS		
EASTERN REGION	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	-	-
WESTERN REGION	-	-

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOV 11, 2005

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	87.00	84.80 **	77.50
CENTRAL REGION	84.00	86.00	78.50 **
WESTERN REGION	85.00 **	86.83	79.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	82.00	83.00 **	76.50
CENTRAL REGION	82.85	84.00	76.00 **
WESTERN REGION	83.00 **	82.00	77.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-87
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	82-87

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-139

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Nov 14, 2005

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	97.49	29,082,500
16-24 lbs.	96.20	28,171,500

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	580,000
16-24 lbs.	--	500,000

Total Volume: 58,334,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 05-Nov-2005 (Preliminary)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
North East	950	8	24.45	(A)	952 24.45
South Atlantic	692	-12	28.86	(A)	694 28.86
North Central	2,335	4	31.11	(A)	2,337 31.11
South Central	922	8	17.50	(A)	924 17.50
West	686	2	22.53	(A)	687 22.53
U.S. total	5,585(B)	3	26.40	9	5,594 26.40
To-date					
2005	195,413(B)			195	195,608
To-date					
2004	192,331(B)			311	192,642

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 89,000; for the current year to date 1,098,000; for last year to date 2,316,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

October	449,318*
November 1 - 5, 2005	94,534*

To date 2005	4,419,756*
To date 2004	4,321,561*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
		<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	2,705	2,791	89	9		5,594
Avg Wt	16.38	36.01	29.31	31.59		26.40
Last week	2,642	2,789	13	0		5,444
Same wk yr ago	2,332	2,834	46	1		5,213
Avg Wt	16.42	35.59	25.33	28.49		26.92
To-date/2005	80,042	114,273	1,098	195		195,608
To-date/2004	76,855	113,160	2,316	311		192,642

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 NOVEMBER 2005.

The market tone on fresh tom breast was steady to instances weak, frozen breast trim steady to instances barely steady, balance of white meat at least steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat adequate to ample, frozen breast trim adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat light to adequate. Trading moderate on fresh 4-8 lb. breasts and fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance slow. For domestic: frozen -20% mechanically separated turkey 14 delivered pet foods, private label Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts 118 delivered December, Grade A non-basted 12-16 lb. breasts 170, fresh - wing meat with skin 92 scapula 126-129, breast trim 170-174 mostly 170 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	150.00-164.00		150.53	291	149.40	311
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	113.00		113.00	120	113.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	44.17	24	44.17	24
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	45.00		45.00	40	45.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	41.00	40	41.67	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	47.38	160	47.50	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	45.00	22		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	42.00	160	42.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	38		
NECKS, TOM		T	49.00	20	49.00	20
NECKS, HEN		T	41.00	20	41.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	278.00-280.00		279.14	280	279.14	280
THIGH MEAT	99.00		99.00	80	99.00	240
THIGH MEAT--FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	113.00		113.00	120	113.00	120
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	230.00	20	230.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	249.00-254.00		250.71	113	250.71	113
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	73.38	104		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	22.00	40	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	20.00		20.00	160	20.00	240
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.50-45.50		44.23	82	43.93	282
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	46.00	20	46.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	37.00	312		
TAILS	35.50		35.50	10	33.83	30
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	96.50	160		

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.